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est. The general verdict appeared to be that further confirmation of the character and original authorship of the asserted chronology was much to be desired.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY. — November 1st. Prof. A. Hyatt made a communication on sponges, discussing their mode of development, based on original observations, and expressing his opinion that they formed the type of a new sub-kingdom of animals. Mr. J. A. Allen remarked on the American beavers, recent and fossil.

November 15th. Two papers were read by C. S. Minot entitled Classification of some of the Lower Worms; Description of a New Microtome for Cutting a Series of Sections.

December 6th. Prof. W. G. Farlow gave an account of certain algæ belonging to the groups *Oscillatoria* and *Bacteria*.

December 20th. Prof. C. H. Hitchcock and Rev. G. F. Wright spoke on ancient glacial moraines in Andover, Mass., and vicinity.

SCIENTIFIC SERIALS.¹

PETERMANN'S GEOGRAPHISCHER MITTHEILUNGEN. — October 28th. Die neuen administrativen Eintheilungen Japans, von L. Metschnikoff. Bilder aus dem hohen Norden, von K. Weyprecht. Lieut. Wheeler's Expedition durch das südliche Californien im Jahre 1875, von O. Loew. Die Temperatur-Verhältnisse im Meere zwischen Norwegen, Schottland, Island, und Spitzbergen, von H. Mohn. October 9th. Die Insel Hawaii und ihre Vulkane, von F. Birgham. Die geographische Verbreitung des Hagels, von H. Fritz. Die jüngsten Forschungen im Seegebiet des äquatorialen Ost-Afrika, von Young, Gessi, Stanley, 1874-76. Reisen in Columbien im 1872.

ARCHIV FÜR NATURGESCHICHTE. — 42. Heft ii. Ueber einige Canis-Arten des südlichen Südamerika's, von H. Burmeister. Ueber die Nahrung der *Alausa vulgaris*, und die Spermatophore von *Temora velox* Lilj., von Max Weber. Die Familie der Bdelliden, von Dr. Kramer. Die Hautdecker und Schale der Gastropoden, von F. Leydig. Heft iii. Anatomisches und histiologisches ueber Gibocellum, eine neue Arachnide, von A. Stecker.

THE GEOGRAPHICAL MAGAZINE. — December. Hissar and Kulab (Turkistan). The Indian Surveys, 1873-75.

THE GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE — December. On the Glauconite Granules of the Cambridge Green Sand, by W. J. Sollas. On Fossils from the Glacial Deposits of the Island of Lewis, by R. Etheridge. Fossiliferous Pliocene-Clays overlying Basalt in Lough Neagh, by E. T. Hardman.

¹ The articles enumerated under this head will be for the most part selected.